



Efficiency Maine regularly partners with homeowners across the state to assess how heat pumps perform during Maine's coldest weather. During one particularly extreme cold snap, when wind chills plunged as low as -60°F , residents prepared for dangerous conditions, and many heat pump owners wondered:

Will my heat pump keep me warm?

The short answer is YES!

Here's what Mainers who use heat pumps as their sole source of heat say about their experiences.

"I live on the top of a mountain in Waterford, Maine, where it gets pretty windy. That's not a challenge for my heat pumps, which during a February cold snap, kept me warm without backup even during -49°F wind chill! I'm also saving money every month using heat pumps instead of propane." **Frank D., Waterford, ME**

"I've saved thousands of dollars by heating my entire home with two heat pumps. In fact, I haven't had an oil delivery since the fall of 2021."

Paul N., Van Buren, ME

"We live in a small 1930s cape cod and it routinely gets down to -20°F in the winter. We replaced our failing, 25-year-old oil furnace with heat pumps. When we had forced hot air with an oil furnace, we were always adjusting the temperature, and now we set the heat pumps and forget them. The heat pumps are saving us money, and we're very comfortable. It's also really inexpensive to run the air conditioning. This technology is great."

Cathy and George H., Dexter, ME

"I love my heat pump! It's in the closet where my furnace used to be and uses the existing ductwork. It keeps the entire house a steady, comfortable, toasty warm temperature even on bitter cold days. Even with higher electricity rates, the cost is nowhere near what I used to pay. It has so many benefits: no oil delivery and no need to shovel a path to my oil tank to read the gauge. And I don't have to put my air conditioners in anymore!" **Michelle W., Freeport, ME**

"The heat pump has been wonderful during recent cold stretches, and I have noticed a big difference with the air quality in my home. I am very satisfied with the installation and have recommended the program to all my neighbors." **Rachel R., Biddeford, ME**

